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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : David Allison Bennett, et al.
Application No. : 09/684,871
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Title : APPARATUS, SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ONLINE,
MULTI-CARRIER, MULTI-SERVICE PARCEL SHIPPING
MANAGEMENT FEATURING SHIPPING LOCATION
COMPARISON ACROSS MULTIPLE CARRIERS
Grp./Div. : 3629
Examiner : Thompson, Michael M.
Docket No. : PSTM0003/MRK

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 27, 2011
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

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Commissioner:

This Amendment and Response with Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") is filed in response to the Office Action, dated May 27, 2011, regarding the above-identified application. The Office Action set a three-month period for reply, namely, until August 27, 2011. August 27, 2011 is a Saturday; the period for reply is therefore until August 29, 2011, the first business day following the three-month period for reply. This Amendment and Response is filed with an RCE under 37 CFR §1.114 with the corresponding fee. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment and Response and the concurrently-filed RCE are timely filed under 37 CFR §1.114 because they are filed before the expiration of August 29, 2011. Reconsideration of the present application in view of the concurrently-filed RCE, and in view of the Claim Amendments and the Response and Remarks below is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Response and Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.